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Litigation fees information

Please note that where we quote 'plus VAT' throughout, this refers to the current applicate rate of VAT. At present this is 20%

Your matter is usually conducted by:-

Emma Cornell (Dispute Resolution Solicitor) at the hourly rate of £320 an hour plus VAT at 20%

Ellie Martin (Dispute Resolution Executive) at the hourly rate of £170 an hour plus VAT at 20%

Sydney Ibbotson (Legal Secretary) at the hourly rate of £170 an hour plus VAT at 20%

Stacey Blackett (Legal Secretary) at the hourly rate of £170 an hour plus VAT at 20%

Alice Greaves (Litigation Solicitor) at the hourly rate of £280 an hour plus VAT at 20%

Wills Probate and Trust Disputes

It is not always the case that costs come out of the estate. In fact, the general rule is that each party should meet their own costs as the case progresses through litigation. At the conclusion of the case a decision will have to be made by the Judge as to who is responsible for the costs of the case. That is unless the parties have reached their own agreement on the case and the costs of the case before a final hearing.

The general rule is that the losing party will pay for their own costs and their opponents costs. The costs awarded are usually for payment of the winners reasonable and proportionate costs. But costs are always a matter of discretion for the Court which means that a successful party may not always recover back their costs. Or indeed costs could be Ordered to be paid from the estate.

Reasonable costs means that the costs incurred have to be reasonably incurred and necessary to progress the case. Proportionate means that the costs incurred have to be proportionate to the size of the dispute. In light of this there is a real risk that if successful you may only recover back a contribution towards your costs, rather than the full costs that have been incurred.

Executors who remain neutral usually obtain their costs from the estate. But an executor who has a

financial interest cannot always expect to recover back their costs or for them to be paid from the estate.

If proceedings are issued, then Contested Probate cases are usually complex and costs can run into tens of thousands of pounds per party. They alter depending upon what part of the Estate is being contested and under what reason. We of course will be able to give you an indication of the likely costs in your matter at the first appointment, once we have more information about the dispute.

It is likely that disbursements would have to be incurred in a contested probate case. The filing of a Caveat usually incurs a fee of £20.

If we had to prepare a report on capacity, then medical notes would have to be obtained. The medical institution could charge per page of the medical notes that they are providing and therefore an estimate of the likely cost would be obtained from them before the notes are requested. Further a medical expert's report may be required. Again the cost of this does depend upon the size of medical notes that they are considering and the complexity of the matter.

You may have a number of funding options available to you. These are outlined here in our "Funding Options" leaflet located at https://taylorbracewell.co.uk/personal-law-services/fees-charges/disputes-fees/

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In addition there may be the cost of a barrister, whose fee estimate we would obtain before instructing the same.

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Landlord and Tenant Disputes

There are a number of issues that can arise between a residential Landlord and Tenant. This can be a dispute regarding the terms of the Tenancy Agreement and whether the same has been breached by either the Landlord or the Tenant. In the alternative it could be a Landlord seeking possession of their property back.

In light of this costs can vary and does depend upon the complexity of the issues and the conduct of the parties.

As a general rule ordinarily when proceedings are issued by a Landlord seeking possession they are only entitled to recover back from the Tenant Court fees and fixed costs. The fixed costs are a set amount which we would be able to advise you of during the course of the appointment. However, it is likely that the actual costs that would be incurred would be greater than the fixed costs that you could recover. PART 45 – FIXED COSTS – Justice UK

The costs do depend upon the work that the matter entails. Whether any Notices can be delivered by post or require hand delivery. If a matter can be dealt with as a paper exercise by the Court or whether an attendance at a hearing is required.

If the matter is complex and the Court decide to proceed it beyond an initial hearing it could become a fully contested matter that would thereafter follow a full trial process. In that case it could be that the loser has to meet their own costs along with the winner's reasonable and proportionate costs. Costs always being a matter of discretion for the Court taking into account the parties conduct and behavior.

Reasonable costs does mean that the costs incurred have to be reasonably incurred and necessary to progress the case. Proportionate means that the costs incurred have to be proportionate to the size of the dispute. In light of this there is a real risk that if successful you may only recover back a contribution towards your costs, rather than he full costs that have been incurred. Therefore, we would only be able to give you an indication as to cost when meeting with you and discussing the specifics of your matter.

You may have a number of funding options available to you. Please download our funding guide **for more information on this.**

If Court proceedings were to be issued, then there would be the cost of the Court fee. These are outlined here https://www.gov.uk/court-fees-what-they-are. Generally, the court fee to issue Court proceedings for possession £391. If possession was granted and the tenant did not vacate then you may have to instruct a bailiff. The Court fee for this is £143. You may also need to meet the cost of a locksmith to be present on the day that possession is granted to make sure that the tenant does not gain entry again. The cost of which depends on the type of locks and number of doors to be changed.

Taylor Bracewell fees are usually in the region of £500 plus 20% VAT to draft and serve a notice. But a better estimate of costs would be given once matters have been fully discussed with you.

Costs vary depending upon the process, but can range from £3,000 - £5,000 plus VAT at 20% to obtain possession.

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Personal injury claims

At Taylor Bracewell we understand the importance of meeting with our Clients and fully discussing the potential claim. Therefore, we offer a free first appointment. The appointment does not have a set time limit but is anticipated to last somewhere between 30 minutes and one hour.

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- Meeting with the Solicitor who will have conduct of your case
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If your case is funded by a Conditional Fee Agreement, should your case be successful, our fees will be paid in part by the Defendant's Insurance Company. We will be able to recover our base costs from the Defendant. However, we can claim an uplift known as a success fee from you. The success fee is based as a percentage of the base costs and cannot be recovered from the Defendants and therefore will deducted from damages that you receive.

Please note that the maximum that you will be liable to contribute is capped at 25% of your general damages and past financial loss as further explained within the Personal Injury Claims Funding Options leaflet.

This means that you will receive at least 75% of the damages awarded to you.

Medical institutions normally now cannot charge for the supply of medical notes. Therefore, likely disbursements are the cost of medical expert's reports, court fees and Barristers. Barristers can be

instructed on a Conditional Fee Agreement (no win, no fee) basis. We can give you the likely estimate cost of disbursements when we meet.

If Court proceedings were to be issued, then there would be the cost of the Court fee. These are outlined here https://www.gov.uk/court-fees-what-they-are.

Likely costs do however vary depending upon the size of the damages recovered, the complexity of the case and at what point it settles. Therefore, costs can range from around £1,500 plus 20% VAT upwards.

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Please note that you may be liable for disbursements i.e. medical expert reports. We would ask you to look at the funding options leaflet of how these may be covered by insurance. The cost of the report can range from £180 plus 20% VAT to a few thousand pounds depending on the expert and the complexity.

In the course of your claim other peoples costs will become payable. If, during the course of your claim, it is necessary for us to incur disbursements on your behalf, we will require you to pay these. An example of these are:-

Medical expert reports potential range £180 to £2500 plus 20% VAT (this is only an estimate of charges and actual charges depend on complexity of injury/volume of records to consider) Court fees– calculated on the basis of the anticipated value of your claim.

Please appreciate that the fees listed above are by no means an exhaustive list of fees which could be incurred but we will secure your authority and instructions before incurring any such fees on your behalf and once such fees have been incurred and become payable, we will request such payment.

If you are successful in your claim, such fees incurred and paid on your behalf/by you will be submittedto your opposition for reimbursement but there is no guarantee that all of the same will be reimbursed. You will remain liable for any shortfall in recovery.

If you receive interim damages, we may require you to pay our expenses and disbursements at that point and a reasonable amount for our future expenses and disbursements.

If you receive provisional damages, we are entitled to payment of our basic charges, our expenses and disbursements and success fee at that point.

If you win overall but, on the way, lose an interim hearing, you may be required to pay your opponent's charges of that hearing, but usually only up to the amount of damages awarded to you. If on the way to winning or losing you are awarded any costs, by agreement or court order, then we are entitled to payment of those costs, together with a success fee on those charges if you win overall.

We would welcome discussing matters with you on the telephone prior to any appointment being arranged. Please contact Robert Clarke.

Medical Negligence

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Please note that the maximum that you will be liable to contribute is capped at 25% of your general damages and past financial loss as further explained within the Personal Injury Claims Funding Options leaflet.

This means that you will receive at least 75% of the damages awarded to you.

Medical institutions normally now cannot charge for the supply of medical notes. Therefore, likely disbursements are the cost of medical expert's reports, court fees and Barristers. Barristers can be instructed on a Conditional Fee Agreement (no win, no fee) basis. We can give you the likely estimate cost of disbursements when we meet.

If Court proceedings were to be issued then there would be the cost of the Court fee. These are outlined here https://www.gov.uk/court-fees-what-they-are.

Likely costs do however vary depending upon the size of the damages recovered, the complexity of the case and at what point it settles. Therefore, costs can range from around £5,000 plus 20% VAT upwards.

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Criminal injuries claims

At Taylor Bracewell we understand the importance of meeting with our Clients and fully discussing the potential claim. Therefore, we offer a free first appointment. The appointment does not have a set time limit but is anticipated to last somewhere between 30 minutes and one hour.

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You may have a number of funding options available to you. Download our **funding options guide** for more information.

Most Criminal Injuries Compensation Claims are funded by way of a Contingency Fee Agreement. The terms of a Contingency Fee Agreement are that we would take 25% of your damages if you are successful as payment of our costs. The reason for this is that the CICA do not pay costs over and above damages.

The Agreement sets out how the 25% is calculated in terms of VAT. Any disbursements that are incurred would be over and above the 25% and again if these are not refunded back by the CICA you would remain liable to pay these out of damages. You remain liable for disbursements if the case is unsuccessful.

If your claim were unsuccessful then we would not charge our fees subject to the terms as outlined within the Contingency Fee Agreement, namely that you co-operate with us, that you allow us to continue with our work and you do not de-instruct us mid instruction (there are additional terms as set out within the Contingency Fee Agreement). However, if you were successful you would still be liable for any disbursements that have been incurred.

The CICA usually only pay a fixed amount of damages which could be less than that which you may be awarded in a personal injury claim, they usually also do not pay additional expenses and losses for a period of the first 26 weeks.

Likely disbursements could be the cost of any medical reports which the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme do not meet the cost of. These could range from around £50 for a simple GP report / letter to in excess of £1,000 if a full report on complex injuries is required.

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Boundary and Neighbour Disputes

As boundary and neighbour disputes can arise in many different guises, it is difficult to state exactly what the likely costs would be. Boundary and neighbour claims can be particularly complex and the likely claim can vary in respect of the size of loss that has been sustained as a result of a boundary and neighbour dispute.

Costs also depend as to whether the matter settles with or without the issue of court proceedings. Further whether the parties attend at mediation or not.

As a general rule boundary and neighbour disputes under £10,000 can incur costs in the region of£3,500 to £4,500 plus 20% VAT. Between £10,000 and £25,000 can incur costs in the region of £12,000 to £15,000 plus 20% VAT and claims for losses over £25,000 could incur costs that are tens of thousands of pounds per party. However, a better indication of costs would always be given to you when we meet and if we were instructed as to the case progresses.

Likely costs could be the cost of obtaining documents from the Land Registry, usually £3 per document. If Deeds are required and no longer within your possession it could be the cost of obtaining certified copies from the Deeds Registry, usually £50 - £60 per document. In addition to this it may be that you have to instruct a Surveyor to either plot out the area in issue or obtain an expert to consider the condition of your property and/or land. We would obtain an estimate of the expert's fees prior to instructing the same for your approval.

The general rule is that the losing party will pay for their own costs and their opponents costs. The costs awarded are usually for payment of the winners reasonable and proportionate costs. But costs are always a matter of discretion for the Court which means that a successful party may not always recover back their costs. However, if the claim was considered to be a small claim (i.e. valued at under £10,000 and not complex that requires a large amount of Court time) then the general rule is that a successful party may be able to recover back their Court fees and reasonably incurred disbursements (which are capped) but not their legal costs.

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We would also draw your attention to the fixed recoverable costs regime extending-fixed-recoverable-costs-note- new-rules.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk) which shows fixed costs for claims up to £100,000. You would be liable for Taylor Bracewell's fees over and above the fixed recoverable sum.

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Consumer disputes

As consumer disputes can arise in many different guises it is difficult to state exactly what the likely costs would be. Consumer dispute claims can be particularly complex and the likely claim can vary in respect of the size of loss that has been sustained as a result of a consumer dispute.

Costs also depend as to whether the matter settles with or without the issue of court proceedings. Further whether the parties attend at mediation or not.

As a general rule consumer dispute claims under £10,000 can incur costs in the region of £3,500 to£4,500 plus VAT. Between £10,000 and £25,000 can incur costs in the region of £12,000 to £15,000 plus VAT and claims for losses over £25,000 could incur costs that are tens of thousands of pounds per party. However, a better indication of costs would always be given to you when we meet and if we were instructed as to the case progresses.

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Recovering a debt (Debt Recovery)

As debt claims can arise in many different guises it is difficult to state exactly what the likely costs would be. Debt claims can be particularly complex and the likely claim can vary in respect of the size of loss that has been sustained as a result of a debt claim. It can be a personal or a business debt.

Costs also depend as to whether the matter settles with or without the issue of court proceedings. Further whether the parties attend at mediation or not.

As a general rule debt claims under £10,000 can incur costs in the region of £3,500 to £4,500 plus VAT. Between £10,000 and £25,000 can incur costs in the region of £12,000 to £15,000 plus VATand claims for losses over £25,000 could incur costs that are tens of thousands of pounds per party. However, a better indication of costs would always be given to you when we meet and if we were instructed as to the case progresses.

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I.D Search Costs

Taylor Bracewell will charge you a fee of £10.00 plus VAT for every AML Search (Client Identification Search) carried out against each Client. This fee is inclusive of a payment of £6 that the firm will pay to the supplier of the Client Identification Search. The remainder of the fee is a profit cost related to work undertaken by the firm in arranging the AML Search.

Timescales

For all claims the timescale can vary.

For most claims, a letter of claim is sent. The acknowledgment is requested within 14 days. But this is extended to 30 days if the letter is sent in accordance with the Debt protocol where it is a business debt against an individual. The formal reply to the letter of claim can then take anywhere from a further 30 days to 3 months.

When a notice is served on a tenant to leave, they are given 14 days to 6 months to vacate, depending upon the type of tenancy and the reason for possession.

If the matter is not settled, then proceedings will have to be issued.

It can take usually for possessions a few months (2-6 months) to reach Court and for the bailiff to be instructed if the tenant does not leave.

For all other litigation it can take usually 6 months to over year to reach Court. This depends upon which Court it is allocated to and the size of the claim. Of course, this can be reduced, if the matter settles before it reaches a final hearing.

At present there is a long Court backlog. Doncaster County Court is expected to be closed until 2026 for repair works. This has added to the delays. Again we will provide you with the timescale likely at the first appointment.

Limitation

There may also be a time limit in bringing your claim. If you are out of time in certain cases you may not be able to bring the claim. We suggest you check the Limitation Act 1980 Limitation Act 1980 (legislation.gov.uk) to see what time limits apply to your case.